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MEDIA ADVISORY

New Traffic Laws Effective September 1, 2005

There are many new traffic laws that will go into effect on Thursday, September 1st that may affect you. Here are just a few:

- A person commits a traffic offense if they are involved in a crash on the main lane, ramp, shoulder, median or adjacent area of a freeway and don't move their vehicle to an area that minimizes interference with freeway traffic (assuming the vehicle is drivable).
- The use of wireless communications devices (including cell phones) is prohibited for the first six months after teenagers get their drivers licenses.
- It will now be a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives around a barricade where a warning sign or barricade has been placed because water is over any portion of a road, street or highway. It also specifically creates a traffic violation for driving around a barricade put in the roadway because of dangerous conditions.

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